



AGENDA

City Council Meeting Pre Session

City Council Chambers
Jo Ann Metcalf Building
300 W. Cotton Street

April 25, 2002
4:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PRESENTATION

Presentation of results of Longview Cable Customer Survey.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discuss qualified charitable organizations tax exemptions – Terry Jackson, City Attorney. [Page 2](#)
- B. Discuss Outdoor Festival Ordinance – Terry Jackson, City Attorney. [Page 3](#)
- C. Discuss Lear Park funding- Rickey Childers, City Manager.
- D. Discuss Agenda for April 25, 2002 Council Meeting.

IV. ADJOURN -

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at 237-1080 at least two days before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

PROJECT: Charitable Organizations Property Tax Exemption

COUNCIL DATE: April 25, 2002

PRESENTED BY: Terry Jackson, Assistant City Attorney

DESCRIPTION: The City Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the City of Longview Director of Finances, has examined Section 11.184 of the Texas Tax Code, regarding tax exemptions for qualified charitable organizations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action is required at this time.

BACKGROUND: The Texas Legislature recently passed House Bill 1689, codified as Section 11.184 of the Texas Tax Code, permitting cities to grant a tax exemption for real and tangible property to qualified charitable organizations. For the organization to receive this tax exemption, the city council must adopt the exemption provision by ordinance, or it must be adopted by petition and referendum. Any charitable organization that has local property, and is associated with a statewide organization would apply to the Texas Comptroller for a determination of eligibility. Upon a positive determination by the Comptroller, the organization would contact the local taxing entity to receive their exemption. Two local qualified charitable organizations have requested this exemption.

An ordinance granting a tax exemption to charitable organizations would apply to all qualified charitable organizations in the City of Longview. It appears that there could be a potentially substantial financial impact upon tax revenues for the city upon passage of said ordinance.

STAFF CONTACT: Terry Jackson, Assistant City Attorney, 237-1012

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PROJECT: Outdoor Event and Parade Ordinance

COUNCIL DATE: April 25, 2002

PRESENTED BY: Terry Jackson, Assistant City Attorney

DESCRIPTION: The City Attorney=s Office, working in conjunction with the City of Longview Police Department and the City of Longview Development Director, has examined the current ordinance regulating outdoor events and parades and developed the proposed ordinance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action required at this time.

BACKGROUND: The current ordinance regulating outdoor events and parades for the City of Longview was adopted in 1943 and fails to address many issues of current importance. The proposed ordinance, developed after review of the City=s current ordinance and the ordinances of other communities, will clearly define what events must be permitted and regulated by the city, the permitting process, requirements for permittees to follow, and the administrative process for appealing revocation or denial of a permit. This ordinance will provide law enforcement with a usable means of enforcing an acceptable standard as to events which could cause harm to the public if not regulated.

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PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS: Provides an ordinance applicable to situations currently facing law enforcement and the citizens of Longview; providing clear definition of what events are regulated, and procedures to follow in obtaining necessary permits for such events.

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